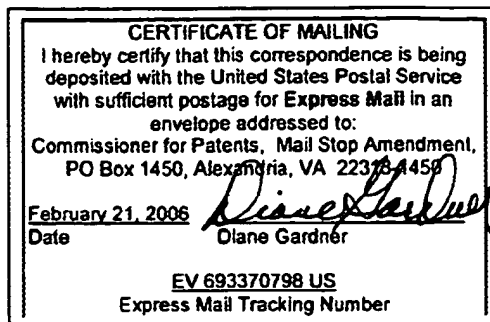


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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R.1.116

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections and entry of the following amendments to the claims. This Amendment is accompanied by a Revocation of Power of Attorney and Appointment of New Agent, Petition for Extension of Time, Information Disclosure Statement, Request for Continued Examination and payment of the necessary fees.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.